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ONE CENT

GIRL BATHER DROWNS WHEN SEIZED WITH CRAMPS SHORTLY AFTER ENTERING WATER

Miss Bertha Lenhart, Well Known School and Sunday School Teacher of Belle Vernon is Victim of Tragedy at Dunlevy

HAD JUST WARNED OTHERS

Told Her Charges to Not Go Beyond Depth—Was Able Swimmer and Struck Out Alone—Disappears and Never Comes to Surface—Body Recovered by Diver

Seized with cramps while bathing in the Monongahela river at Dunlevy Wednesday afternoon. Miss Bertha Lenhart, aged 21 years, the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Ernest Lenhart of Belle Vernon and a well known school and Sunday school teacher, was drowned. She went down just once, screaming for help, and failed to come to the surface again. The body was recovered by Raymond Furnier of Allenport who dove in about nine feet of water.

Miss Lenhart was one of a party of Belle Vernon Sunday school teachers who took their classes of girls to Cowell's orchard Wednesday for a little outing. They partook of a hearty meal at noon time and shortly afterward the party started for the river. Members of the party were warned by Miss Lenhart not to go beyond their depth, as they could not swim. Only she and Mrs. H. S. Long of the party were swimmers.

Shortly after entering the water Miss Lenhart struck out a short way and then the bathers were stricken dumb by her frantic calls for help. She went down and that was the last seen of her alive. Mrs. Long attempted to go to her rescue but was unable to do anything. Screams of the girls were heard by William Courtley, who was some distance farther down the beach. He ran to the scene and plunged into the stream to Miss Lenhart's aid, only himself to be stricken with cramps and having to call for help. By this time two young men from Camp Cozy nearby had arrived, and they immediately started a search, together with Matthew Lynn and others from Dunlevy, who were hurriedly summoned by the terror stricken young women.

Raymond Furnier approached in his yacht from Allenport and joined the party of divers endeavoring to rescue the body. He dove three times, being successful the third. He dragged the body from a sand hole made by a sand digger some time ago. First aid treatment was given by a Charleroi doctor who had been summoned, but life was extinct. The body was removed to Belle Vernon by motor boat.

Miss Lenhart was a member of one of the old and prominent families of Belle Vernon. Capt. Lenhart, her father, is a steamboat captain, having been in charge of the boat T. J. Wood for some years. Besides her father and mother, she leaves one brother Edward of Monongahela and the following sisters: Mrs. Thomas Hewitt of McKeesport, Mrs. Earl Hewitt of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and Misses Hazel, Lenora, Lorena and Maud at home.

The drowned girl was a graduate of

LOOKS LIKE WANTED MAN; PROOF LACKING

New Jersey Detective Discovers "Dr. Brown" in Monongahela Tallies to Description But is Not Thompson, Wanted for Murder

A striking case of a perfect double was disclosed at Monongahela Wednesday when Detective Dorn of Camden, N. J., arrived and after inspecting the prisoner thought to be George Thompson, wanted there for murdering one jailer and wounding another in making his escape from jail, said he was not the man for whom the New Jersey authorities are offering a reward of \$500.

Detective Dorn admitted, however, that the man in jail who says he is Dr. Edwin Brown of Richmond, Va., is a perfect double for Thompson. They tallied exactly even to having the same two fingers missing on the left hand.

The man who says he is Dr. Brown was arrested late Tuesday night by Constable John C. Hitchcock at the Commercial hotel, Monongahela,

where he is alleged to have passed a worthless check and also impersonated a United States revenue officer.

The striking resemblance of the prisoner to the wanted Thompson, a photograph of the latter having been received from Camden by Chief of Police Parnicott, led the officers to think that he really was Thompson. So convinced were local officers that they sent a telegram to Camden, N. J., which resulted in Detective Dorn making a flying trip to Monongahela.

The man who poses as Dr. Brown was seized by an attack of delirium tremens. As soon as his condition will permit he will be taken before Alderman J. B. McAlister to answer to a charge of false pretense. Later he will be taken to Pittsburgh and arraigned in the United States court on a charge of impersonating a federal officer.

RAILROAD MEN TO INVADE PARK

Shire Oaks Shopmen Coming to Eldora Saturday For First Annual Picnic

A monster crowd of railroad men from all along the Monongahela Division, P. R. R., is expected at Eldora park the coming Saturday, when the shopmen of the Shire Oaks yards will hold their first annual picnic and outing. Committees having charge of the preparations for the event have been active completing elaborated plans and a good time is just ahead.

An athletic program in the afternoon will be a feature, with the following events: Baseball game between married and single men; tug of war; 100-yard dash; fat men's race; lean men's race; quoit pitching; sack races; pie-eating contest; egg and spoon race, base running, three-legged race and ball throwing contest.

Outside of the regular programmed list of events for next week a picnic is booked to be held by the Afro-American order of Orioles on Tuesday to be the first annual affair of the kind. Morning addresses will feature.

The regular Monday evening dance will be held by Mrs. J. Jenkins of Monongahela. The Tioga club will en-

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California State Normal. She has been teaching three years in the North Belle Vernon schools, where she was highly regarded as an instructor. Miss Lenhart was well known in Charleroi where she had frequently visited with friends.

MEXICAN FUSS DUE TO ERRORS

Such is Opinion of Mining Men Who Are Familiar With Conditions

That there have been mistakes in government in Mexico and administration errors in dealing with conditions leading to the present series of misunderstandings is the opinion of Samuel and Myron K. Rodgers, mining men who have just left for the west after a visit here with their mother. Samuel Rodgers has just arrived lately from Mexico. His brother has extensive mining rights in the mountainous regions of Mexico.

Samuel Rodgers theoretically was in jail when hostilities seemed imminent with Mexico. Actually he was in the mountains, making his escape. Americans generally were imprisoned. The same conditions that have been related by others just returned from Mexico are told. The Mexicans hardly have enough to eat and theirs is a hopeless plight. There is not a man known to Mexico, states Mr. Rodgers, who is qualified for leadership. Carranza seems far from being the right person. Where the United States has failed, in the opinion of Americans who knew Mexico and Mexicans, is in the lack of understanding and in the vacillating policy that has characterized the country's dealings for the last several months.

Christian Church Picnic.

Members of the Sunday school of the First Christian church are today holding their annual picnic and outing at Oakland park, leaving by early morning cars.

FIVE-YEAR OLD WADES BEYOND DEPTH; DROWNS

Roscoe Rollison of Newell Stumbles Over Offset in River Near His Home

LARGER BOYS RECOVER BODY

Wading beyond his depth in the Monongahela river at Newell Wednesday afternoon shortly after noon, Roscoe Rollison, the five-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Rollison was drowned. His body was recovered. A peculiar coincidence was that a little later the lad's uncle was the diver who recovered the body of Miss Bertha Lenhart, drowned at Dunlevy, not far distant.

The lad was playing about the river shore with some other boys, when they started wading. It is supposed that wading deep he went over an offset and before others could go to his aid he had drowned. William Miller and other larger boys recovered the body.

The tragedy occurred not far distant from the boy's home and his mother was told immediately.

Mr. Rollison, father of the lad is a railroader, being employed as night foreman on the P. & L. E. road, working out of Newell.

ROBERTSON-LOWSTUTTER WEDDING TAKES PLACE

Marriage of Popular Young Couple Takes Place at Home of Bride's Parents on Lincoln Avenue, Rev. Burson Performing Ceremony

Miss Margaret Lowstutter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lowstutter of 318 Washington avenue and Walter Herbert Robertson a well known young man of Charleroi, were married Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock at the home of the bride. Only members of the immediate families were in attendance. Rev. John R. Burson, pastor of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church, was the officiating clergyman.

The bride wore a beautiful creation of white and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. Miss Sara Scott of Belle Vernon was maid of honor. She carried pink roses. William Lowstutter of Charleroi served as Mr. Robertson's best man.

Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served. At 7 o'clock a reception was held when the friends of the young couple extended their congratulations. The home was decorated with foliage plants and a color scheme of pink and white was carried out. Mr. Robertson is an employee of the Pittsburgh Railways Company and has been located for years in the Charleroi office. Mrs. Robertson has been living in Charleroi for two years coming here from Monessen.

Among the out-of-town guests present at the wedding were Mrs. Green and son Baker of Brownsville, Mr. and Mrs. George Baker of Monessen and Mrs. J. Bumgarner of Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson left this

PITTSBURG COAL COMPANY SAID TO BE ENGINEERING BIG DEAL

DAILY AMOUNT RECEIVED IN TAXES RUNS TO ABOUT \$10,000

County Treasurer W. H. Alexander reports that about \$10,000 in state and county taxes is being paid into the county treasury each day and from now on it is expected that the receipts will be materially larger. Some half dozen clerks are kept busy filling out receipts for taxes from early morning until evening. On all taxes paid on or before August 1, an abatement of five per cent is allowed. During the remainder of August, up to and including September 1, the face will be changed. After that date all delinquent taxpayers will be required to pay ten per cent additional.

FILE PETITIONS FOR TWO ROADS

Commissioners Ask the Improvement of Fallowfield and an Avella Highway

ESTIMATES BEING COMPLETED

The county commissioners have filed two petitions to be presented to the August grand jury, asking for permission to improve two sections of roads in this county.

The one is known as the Avella-Manchester road in Independence township. The new section, which it is desired to improve, begins at the south end of the brick road constructed by Independence township and extends south for a distance of 6,600 feet to a state road. All of the road is in Independence township.

The other highway is known as the Charleroi-Lover road and is in Fallowfield township. It begins at the brick road near the top of Colvin's hill and extends south for a distance of 1.8 miles to the line between Fallowfield and West Pike Run townships. It is a link of the road beginning at Charleroi and extending to Centerville, through Lover.

The estimates for these roads have not been completed but will be filed with the petition.

See Charles Chaplin in "The Vagabond" Friday, Coyle theatre.

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Runs Nail in Foot

Walter Reeves, who is employed by the Armour Packing Company is suffering from an injury sustained Wednesday when he by accident stepped on a nail, running it deep into his foot.

Coming to the Coyle theatre next Tuesday dainty Marguerite Clark in "Silks and Satins."

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Plans Reported Afoot For Taking Over Pittsburgh & Westmoreland Holdings

KUHNS NOW GETTING ACTIVE

Are Rumored to be Arranging Opening of Four or Five New Mines in The Upper Ten Mile Creek Valley in Short Time.

Negotiations are reported to be under way for the assumption of the Pittsburgh & Westmoreland Coal Company interests in the Pigeon creek valley by the Pittsburgh Coal Company and that anticipated quick completion of the sale will serve as a stimulus in coal development in that region. Another report gaining circulation is that four or five new mines will be opened by the Kuhn interests in the upper Pigeon Creek or Ten Mile creek valley.

The Pittsburgh & Westmoreland Company went into the hands of a receiver some time ago and has been operated by them since. Mining operations are being conducted at Schoenberg, Dunkirk Nos. 1 and 2 and Acme. Most of these are exceptionally good mines. The Schoenberg mine is about played out, but it could be used well for an opening by the Pittsburgh Coal Company to coal now owned.

H. A. Kuhn of the famous Kuhn Syndicate of a few years back was in Monongahela a few days ago on his way to Marianna. He gave out information then that in a short time mining operations would be started there. The Kuhns were formerly connected with the Pittsburgh & Westmoreland Coal company prior to that concern passing into the hands of receivers. They own about 5,000 acres in the Marianna section. It is said to be their intention to open at least four new mines within the next six months.

FIRE AT MONESSEN DAMAGES INTERIOR WOOLEN MILLS STORE

The interior of the store of the American Woollen Mills company at Monessen was gutted by fire this morning at 3 o'clock, with a loss of \$500 in stock being sustained and damage to the building being done. Insurance to the extent of \$2,500 was started. Investigations into the cause of the fire are being made by Chief William Riley and insurance agents.

ITALIAN MINER, SKILLED LINGUIST, MEETS DEATH

Louis Ginosi, aged about 45 years was instantly killed by a fall of slate Wednesday afternoon in Mine No. 2 of the Ellsworth Collieries company at Ellsworth. Ginosi is survived by a wife and children in Italy. Funeral arrangements have not been made. Ginosi was a man of unusual intelligence and was a good linguist, having command of five languages. He worked for several years in Cokeburg and in the copper mines at Trinidad, Colo., before coming here. He was prominent in the foreign colony.

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier

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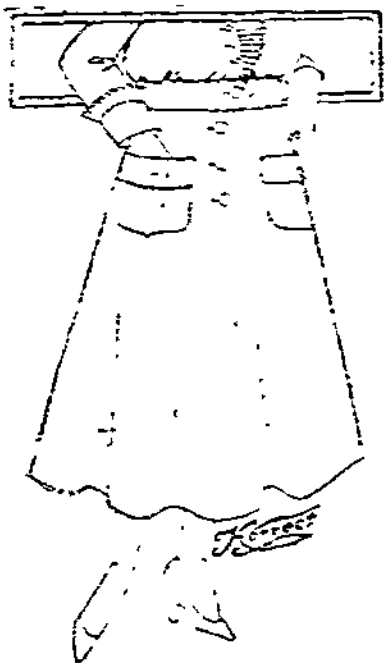
Graduation! What an epoch it marks in the life of the young man or young woman! It is the end—and the beginning. Laying aside school books forever, the student steps forth from the classroom into the world. Your gifts at such time should possess, above all, the quality of permanence. Such a gift in the Green Verithin or Wristlet Watch. Prices of today and tomorrow—\$25.00 to \$175.00. Both Phones.

JOHN B. SCHAFER, Manufacturing Jeweler
515 McKean Ave., Charleroi

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WANTED—Good all round man. Apply Charleroi-Monessen hospital. 12-1

WANTED—Maid for housework. 114 Lincoln avenue. 29-1

FOR SALE—Milk depot and ice cream factory at a bargain. O. E. Flandersmith, 317 Fallowfield ave. 24-16

FOR SALE—Newspaper business making from 14 to 17 dollars a month. Apply 7246 1/2 McClure Avenue, Swissvale. 25-112

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Must be experienced. Apply Mrs. H. Porter, 618 Fallowfield ave., Charleroi. 32-1

LOST—Small loose leaf ledger and small note book. Finder return to Master's store. 34-12p

FOR SALE—Large brown reed go-kart. In good condition. Apply 724 Washington avenue, Charleroi. 34-13p

FOR SALE—One billiard and two pool tables and all equipment. Tony Lemarco, 200 Meadow avenue. 34-13p

WANTED—Girl of 18 to learn telephone operating. Steady position to light person. Call at Charleroi Telephone Co. office between 8 a.m. and p.m. 35-13

STOLEN—Furn dish from porch. Beral reward for information leading to arrest of guilty person, 805 McMan avenue.

COMMISSIONERS TO LOOK OVER BALTIMORE HIGHWAY

County Commissioners Thomas Hill, A. P. Barnum and John O. Watson, County Controller T. J. Underwood and County Engineer George Chaney, who left Wednesday in an automobile driven by Frank Neuse of Baltimore, Md., on a road inspection tour.

They desire to look over a piece of road paying regard to the last word in brick highway road construction at a reduced cost. They expect to get back to Washington some time Saturday.

Executor's Sale of Real Estate

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, authorizing me so to do, I will offer at public outcry on the premises in the Town of Charleroi, Washington county, Pa., on the 19th day of August, 1916, at two o'clock p.m., all of the four lots of land, bounded and described as follows: Being lots Nos. 28, 30, 32 and 34, lying between First street and Second street, fronting on McKean avenue, twenty-two feet each, the total frontage of the four lots being 88 feet, and running back 100 feet to a fifteen-foot alley.

On each of said lots there is erected a good five-room frame dwelling house with slate roof, in which are supplied electric light and water with modern conveniences.

These lots will be offered as a whole or separately to suit purchasers as determined on day of sale.

TERMS OF SALE—Ten per cent of the purchase money of each separate lot or parcel of land, sold in pursuance hereof, to be paid on day of sale, the remainder of one-third on confirmation of sale; one-third in one year from date of confirmation and one-third in two years from date of confirmation with interest on all deferred payments payable annually from date of confirmation of the said sale, but with the right to the purchaser or purchasers to anticipate payment of the whole of said purchase money at any time prior to the maturity thereof. The deferred payments to be secured by a purchase money mortgage with accompanying judgment bond upon the respective properties so sold, said mortgage to facias clause and the said bond also to contain a judgment clause with the usual waivers of inquisition, exemption and stay of execution with an attorneys commission of five per cent for collection. A further clause shall be included in said mortgage and bond requiring the purchase of any lot or lots on which a building or buildings are erected to keep the said buildings insured for the benefit of the said executor in such sum as he shall deem proper.

George W. Martin, Jr.,
Executor of George W. Martin, deceased.

July 27-A-3-10

"JOHN NEEDHAM'S DOUBLE"

AT MAJESTIC THEATRE TODAY

The attraction at the Majestic theatre today will be "John Needham's Double" featuring Tyrone Power. This feature is billed as one of the most gripping and impressive dramas ever produced. Tyrone Powers plays two separate and distinct characters, appearing simultaneously in full view. Friday De Wolf Hopper will be shown in "The Good Samaritan."

Card of Thanks.

For the many favors and kindnesses shown us during the illness and death of our father, we wish publicly to express our heartfelt thanks. We especially remember the Odd Fellows and those neighbors and friends who aided us, as well as all those who sent floral tributes. Family of the Late Thomas Elliott. 35-11

Executor's Notice.

Estate of John M. Campbell, late of the borough of Elco, Washington county, Pennsylvania, deceased.

Letters testamentary in the above entitled estate having been granted to the undersigned Executor, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make prompt payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to

Clark Campbell, Executor,
Elco, Pa.
David M. McCloskey, Atty.,
Charleroi, Pa.

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A lawn fete will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Worthington, 213 McKean avenue Thursday August 3. Benefit Lutheran church. 35-11

VALLEY TOWNS TO SEND BIG GROW TO GAME HERE

Assurances have been received from baseball fans all along the valley that they will be on hand next Saturday, when the Monongahela Independents and the Pittsburgh Steel Products company will begin their series of baseball games for the Monongahela valley championship. Because of the rivalry between the two clubs much excitement exists. The Monongahela team was never stronger than it is this year and the Pittsburgh Steel Products has come to the front in a wonderful way since its organization the first of May. Lane or Stankus will pitch for Monongahela. Lane is known as the "unbeatable." "Zip" Sloan will twist for the Products club.

DEATH ACCIDENTAL; NO INQUEST WILL BE HELD

No inquest will be held by Coroner James T. Heffran into the death of Anthony Pearce, who died from the effects of a motor truck accident on Fifth street Tuesday. A finding of accidental death will be returned, no jury inquest being deemed necessary and such investigation not having been asked by Pearce's relatives.

Charles Girard.

Charles Girard, Jr., the two months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Girard of 502 Second street died at 1 o'clock this morning. The funeral will be held Friday morning with interment in the Charleroi cemetery.

CHARLEY CHAPLIN COMING TO THE COYLE ON FRIDAY

Coming to the Coyle theatre Friday is Charles Chaplin, the funniest comedian of the screen in "The Vagabond." The same date a chapter of "Gloria's Romance," with Billie Burke featured, will be produced. Manager Coyle is announcing for next Tuesday, Marguerite Clark in "Silks and Satin." This is considered one of Miss Clark's best efforts.

Additional Fallowfield Teachers.

The board of school directors of Fallowfield township have elected the following teachers: Miss Lenore Shannon to teach at the Dickey school and Miss Letitia Morris at VanVoorhis and Miss Marjorie Hornell at Fremont. Miss Mary Hootman of Washington was elected as music teacher.

SUSTAINS INJURIES WHEN CAUGHT UNDER WHEAT

John P. Mosier is suffering from the effects of dislocation of his right shoulder, sustained when he was caught under a load of wheat as it upset at the Hannan farm in Fallowfield was not seriously hurt. A doctor reduced the dislocation.

First European Railway.

The first carriages that ran on rails in Europe were those of a horse railway between Linz and Budweis, in Austria. This was in working order in 1827. Locomotive railways were much longer coming. The first line in a modern sense was opened from Paris to St. Germain in 1837, but railway development was greatly hindered by a terrible accident on the Paris-Versailles line in 1842. The next was the Brussels-Malines line in Belgium. Belgium was also the first country to begin, in 1850, systematic plans for a national network of railways. Prussia followed in 1853 and Austria-Hungary in 1858. The first great trunk line in Europe was from Paris to Rouen, opened in May, 1843.

Family Pride.

Mrs. Blunt-Well, Louisa, I don't suppose you will attempt to deny that your original ancestors were stone age ruffians who lived in a damp cave. Mrs. Tree—if my earliest ancestors were a part of the geologic period of which you speak they must have had a red sandstone chateau of their own on Flinthead avenue, with stalactite decorations and running water on the first floor.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Poi in Hawaii.

Poi, the Hawaiian national dish, is made by pounding up the cooked root of the taro plant—the Arum esculentum of the botanists—with water into a thick paste. When slightly fermented it has a pleasant, fruity, acid taste.

The Solution.

"I wish I knew how Blinks lives without working?"
"Open a grocery store in his neighborhood and you'll soon find out."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Parts of Speech.

Teacher—Thomas, what are the parts of speech? Tommy Tucker (after an exhaustive mental effort)—It's the way a man talks when he stutters.

Peculiarity of French Flag.

It is not generally known that the three strips of color that make up the French national flag are not equal in width. When the tricolor was first authorized, 1792, the positions and proportions of the three colors were not stated, and such a variety of flags was seen that two years later the national assembly declared that the national standard should be formed of "the three national colors in equal bands placed vertically, the best being blue, the middle white and the fly red."

For years the flag was made in this way; but though the bands were equal they never looked equal owing to an optical illusion, the blue appearing darker than the white and the white wider than the red.

At last, after many experiments, it was officially decided that in every hundred parts the blue should be thirty, white thirty-three and red thirty-seven.—Pittsburgh Press.

Essay on the Duck.

A prize essay on "The Duck" was written by a Michigan schoolgirl and printed in the Detroit Journal.

"The duck is a lowly bird. He is a mighty poor singer, having a coarse voice caused by getting so many frogs in his neck and he likes the water and carries a toy balloon in his stomach to keep from sinking, the duck has only two legs and they are set so far back on his running gears by nature that they come pretty near missing his body some ducks when they get big curls on their tails are called drakes and don't have to set or hatch but just loaf and go swimming and eat everything in sight if I were to be a duck I would rather be a drake they have a wide bill like they use it for a spade they walk like a drunk man they bounce and bump about from side to side if you scare them they will flap their wings and try to make a pass at singing."

Invention of Soda Water.

Soda water is an older beverage than Thackeray would have us believe. After an overdose of punch at Vauxhall Joseph Sedley slakes his morning thirst with beer. "Soda water," says Thackeray, "was not invented yet. Small beer was the only drunk with which unhappy gentlemen soothed the fever of their previous night's potations." As a matter of fact, in 1815—the year in which the opening scenes of "Vanity Fair" are laid—soda water had been known for close on fifty years, the exact date of its invention being 1767. The oldest bottle of soda water in the world is one retrieved from the wreck of the Royal George, which foundered off Spithead in 1782. When sold by auction some years ago this bottle realized 23½ guineas.—London Standard.

On Firing Line.

"Have you ever been on the firing line?"
"Sure! Only last week my boss stood us all in line, and I was the first one he fired."
"And were you ever rewarded for bravery?"
"Oh, ya-as."
"Did you get the iron cross?"
"Nope."
"The Victoria cross?"
"Naw. I got the maltese cross."
"How could you get the maltese cross?"
"I stepped on her tail"—Exchange.

Not His Nerves.

"Doctor," said the sick man, "I'm afraid my nerves are in bad condition."
"Oh, no," replied the physician; "that's not what is the matter with you. The fact that you have sent for me after ignoring the statements I've been sending you regularly during the past year and a half indicates that your nerve's all right."—Chicago Herald.

Odd Way to Rest.

There is nothing, says a medical journal, that will rest you so quickly as to sit on a straight back chair and, lifting the feet from the floor, push them out in front of you as far as possible, stretch the arms, put the head back, open the mouth wide and make yourself yawn.

Gave Him a Tip.

"Did they give you a tip?" asked a restaurant proprietor of a new waiter who had just served his first customers.
"Yes, sorr," was the reply. "They told me I had better go and carry a hod!"

Eavesdropping.

Belle—She wouldn't stoop to listening to conversation through the keyhole of a door. Beulah—I know it. A party telephone wire is good enough for her.—Yonkers Statesman.

Inevitable Conclusion.

"My wife is not at all fond of society."
"Oh, she does, does she?"
"Does what?"
"Her own dressmaking."

Victory.

"How happy the bride looks!"
"She has a right to look happy. His friends have been laying odds of 2 to 1 that she wouldn't land him."—Exchange.

She Got It.

Jack—As our engagement is to be a secret, I won't give you an engagement ring at present. Jill—Oh, I could wear it on my right hand!

When fame does come to the average man it roots on his tombstone.—Pittsburgh Telegraph.

He Got Hold Of the Wrong Stenographer

By EDWARD T. STEWART

The president of the G. Y. and W. railroad was sitting in his office at his rosewood desk when an official entered in reply to a tap on his silver bell. Handing the subordinate a letter, he said:

"Take that into the office of the company's attorney and tell him to treat it in the usual way."

The letter was from a young woman who made her living by stenography and typewriting. She had traveled on one of the company's trains, and as it was nearing the station stood at the door, bracing herself against the car end. The engineer stopped the train suddenly, and the car door slammed against the girl's hand and crushed her fingers. The injury ended her ability to make her living as she had been doing it. She asked the president of the road if he would indemnify her. The "usual way" referred to by him was to get an offer to settle, then pigeon-hole it. This was done, and the girl, having refused to settle for a song, heard nothing more from the company's attorneys.

A few months after the pigeonholing of the girl's offer the president sent for his stockbroker and said to him:

"Mr. Barker, I have noticed a very slow rise for a month past of the shares of our road. I know of nothing to put them up. Our monthly statement shows some falling off in the earnings, and there is some doubt about our maintaining the regular dividend. Can you explain the rise in view of the facts?"

Mr. Barker could not explain the rise. He thought that some person was manipulating the stock, putting it up for the purpose of making money on it when it went down again.

"Please sell a thousand shares for my account," continued the president, "and every point the price of the stock rises, sell another thousand shares."

The result of this order within a couple of weeks was that the stock went up five points, and the president was "short" of it 5,000 shares. That means that he had sold shares which he did not own at less than the market price. When the stock declined to a figure below what he had paid for it he would buy it and make the difference. As its president, he knew that the stock was not worth what he sold it for and did not doubt that he would make a good thing of the transaction.

But the stock did not go down. Instead it continued to rise. The president, who had good nerve, kept on selling stock that he did not own, and one day having called upon his broker for a statement of his account was informed that he was "short" 30,000 shares. This was somewhat unsteady, and the president directed the broker to hedge by buying 10,000 shares in lots of one and two thousand.

The broker reported that his buying of 3,000 shares had put the stock up 2½ points. The president looked grave. The road was a small one, and its outstanding stock was not more than 500,000 shares, most of it in hands that had held it for years. If the seller could not buy the stock he had sold for delivery he would lose a fortune. He put off taking any action till the next day, when there was a flurry in the stock on the market, and the shares jumped twenty points.

Then came a report that the stock of the G. Y. and W. Railroad company was "cornered." That meant that some person or persons had bought up the stock and there was none for sale. One, three, four, six hundred per cent was offered for it, but no stock was brought out. Few persons had been selling the stock except the president, but he was ruined. In cases where a stock is "cornered" it is customary for the seller and the buyer to get together and settle, agreeing on a certain fixed price. The president sought his unknown enemy for this purpose. He found him to be an enormously rich operator. The president went to his office in fear and trembling and asked to what figure he was to be bled.

"First let us settle a little account held against your company," said the operator. "By a former employee of mine. My stenographer has been seriously injured that she has been deprived of making her living."

The president asked for further information, which the operator gave him.

"How much damage do you think our company should pay the lady?" asked the president.

"What will give her an income of \$2,500 a year. I think fifty of your first mortgage bonds would be accepted."

The president telephoned for the bonds, and while they were waiting for them he and the operator settled for the stock the former had sold the latter. But the operator said that he would not exact a fictitious value for the shares he had bought and made a settlement by which the president lost nothing.

"Thank you very much," he said, "for letting me off so cheaply. When another woman makes a claim against our road I will inquire where she has been employed."

"In this case you got hold of the wrong stenographer."
"Most decidedly."
"Good morning."
"Good morning."
It may be expected that there is a sequel to this story; that the operator would not have taken such pains on behalf of his stenographer had he not been otherwise interested in her. But he was an old married man.

